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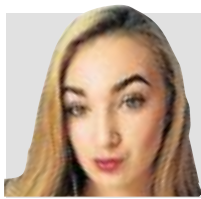


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TOO YOUNG: Tracy's two sons, Ethan, 13, and Josh, 11, with her partner's 11-year-old daughter Amy



TOO SOON: Central Beds Council worker Tracy Houghton, 45, from Dunstable, was killed in the crash

'Half my family wiped out'

Devastated nan speaks out after eight-vehicle pile-up kills daughter and three children

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A 'BUBBLY' mum and three children died in an eight-vehicle horror crash this week as they returned home from a camping trip in the south west.

Tracy Houghton, 45, was killed alongside her two sons, Ethan, 13, and 11-year-old Josh and her partner's 11-year-old daughter Amy Goldsmith.

The collision on the A34 near East Ilsey, Berkshire, occurred on Wednesday at around 5pm and involved four heavy goods vehicles and four cars.

The Dunstable four were declared dead at the scene which was described by Thames Valley Police

chief constable Francis Habgood as 'truly awful'.

Tracy – who worked at Central Bedfordshire Council – was being followed by partner Mark Goldsmith, who watched her Vauxhall Corsa collide with a lorry. He was travelling with his son Jake, 13.

The pair survived the crash.

Following their deaths, Tracy's mother, Jo Smith, wrote on Facebook: "I'm so sad to say I am the mother and grandmother to all involved in this terrible accident. Half my family wiped out in one go."

She added: "Mark is in bits. [He] was taken to hospital with a broken rib and whiplash. His son Jake was also released with minor injuries."

One man was flown to hospital with 'life-threatening injuries', two were taken by land with minor injuries and nine others were treated at the scene.

Family friends have since come forward to pay their respects to the mother and her family.

Sarah Young, 53, first met Tracy when her daughter met Tracy's son Ethan. The mum-of-two said: "She was such a really lovely person. My daughter grew up with her eldest son Ethan."

"She is devastated. They have put a bit of a tribute to Ethan on their Snapchat group."

Mrs Young first met Ms Houghton at Ashton St Peter's Primary School in Dunstable around 2007.

She said: "She didn't deserve this."

"She deserved to live. Her boys were her life. It is devastating."

Friend Sarah Rawlinson added: "Tracy was a lovely bubbly lady who was always smiling."

"She spoke with such love for her family."

Tracy worked at Central Bedfordshire Council and her team leader, Gary Muskett, said: "This terrible news has come as a great shock to everyone who knew Tracy, who worked within our financial services team based in Dunstable."

"Our thoughts and condolences are with her family."

A 30-year-old man from Andover was arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving and released on bail until October 5.



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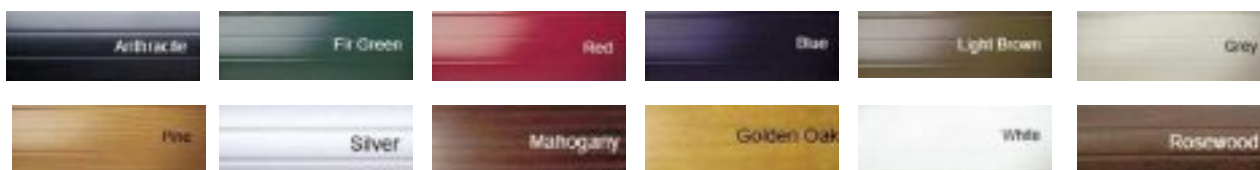


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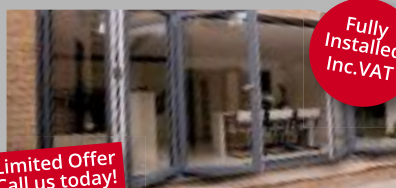
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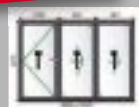


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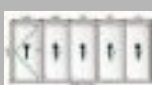
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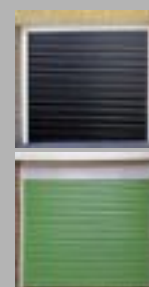
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Devastating reminder that roads are a dangerous place

IN many ways it is far too early to take anything other than sadness away from the terrible events of this week.

Within 48 hours we had lost a young woman and a mother and three children from our community.

Our thoughts can only now go to the family and friends of the deceased.

But the awful truth is that Wanessa Lewandowska, Tracey

Houghton and those three little passengers could have been any of us, or any of our friends or family.

So many families will recognise the photo on the front of this newspaper - all smiles - taken in a restaurant.

The selfies of Wanessa, posted innocuously to Facebook, could belong to so many teenagers.

It is the random nature of car crashes which makes them so

Editor's Letter



utterly horrifying. And they happen every single day to hundreds of people.

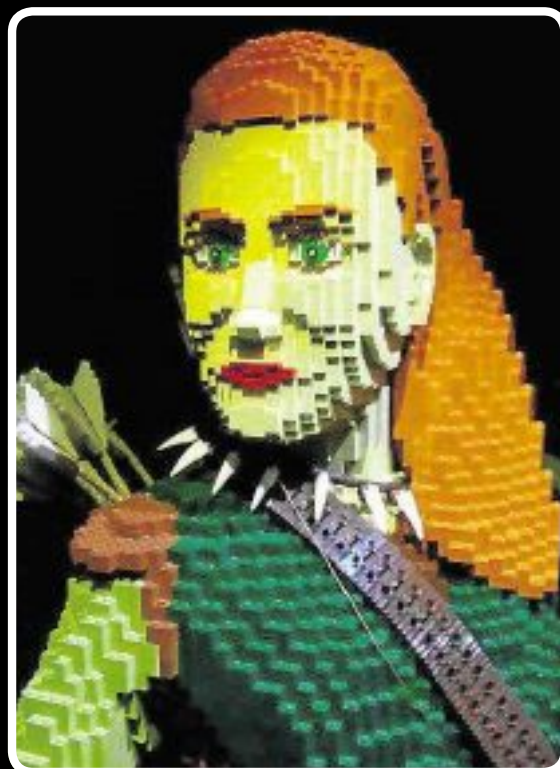
We do not yet know what happened to these road victims

and investigations will no doubt continue for some time.

But if there can be a positive, something which can stop us feeling so powerless as a community, let it be a vow to take every precaution we can to keep ourselves and others safe on the road: to leave extra time for our journeys, to take breaks when we need them and to avoid taking unnecessary risks.

When we get in the car we rely on the people around us to keep us safe as much as we rely on ourselves.

image of the week



BRICK BY BRICK: Is that Legolas, of Lord of the Rings fame? Or are those little bricks deceiving us? Either way, he/she must be a relative because the resemblance is striking. Thanks to @mistryd, who spotted this in Stockwood Discovery Centre's fantasy Lego fantasy exhibition - open until September 4

Hitting out at 'harsh' change to sick terms

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A TRADE union has criticised Luton and Dunstable University Hospital for looking to implement what it says are 'harsher conditions' for sick workers.

UNISON is unhappy the hospital wants to lower a system that calculates employee absence throughout the year - known as the Bradford Factor.

Currently when staff hit a Bradford Score trigger of 200, they are brought into a sickness capability meeting, which could lead to dismissal. The Trust is proposing to lower this score to 150, which UNISON says will 'result in more genuinely ill members of staff put through the process'.

The hospital says only two per cent of its staff will be affected by the changes, and would 'never encourage staff to come to work if they are unwell'.

Shane Hall, a regional organiser for the union, said: "We are always happy to work with the Trust to look at constructive ways that they can support genuinely ill members of staff back to work, but fast tracking people through a for-



SAYING NO: Staff protests this week

mal process that can lead to dismissal only places undue stress and anxiety upon already ill and vulnerable members of staff."

Angela Doak, director of human resources at the hospital, said: "Our intention is to provide earlier support to those who have persistent short term sickness or staff who may have an underlying health condition."

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Record bid for female driver in race to India

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A WOMAN will travel through 32 countries and nine different time zones in a bid to break a Guinness World Record.

Bharulata Kamble will set off from Luton Town and Indians Cricket Club on August 28 to travel to India over 75 days in a bid to highlight what women can achieve – and try to break the world record for a solo drive for a woman over 32,000km.

The mother-of-two would be the first woman to visit the most countries in a continuous car journey driven solo in the shortest time.

The entire journey, which will see her pass through the Arctic Circle, nine mountain ranges and three deserts, will be completed without a backup vehicle, or a backup team.

Bharulata is entrusting the journey to her BMW X3, and is confident it will stand up to the tough rigours of the trip.

She told *Luton on Sunday*: "I'm very excited, but there's some dread as well!"

"I'm doing this to show that women can do anything that a man can do, and to be the voice of millions of voiceless girls."

The 43-year-old will travel an aver-



ROAD TRIP: Bharulata Kamble gets ready to hit the road

age of 700km a day during the trip, which will see her end in the Raigadh district of India.

It won't be a case of being stuck in the middle of nowhere the whole time however, the drive will see her pass through Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen and Stockholm.

And she'll even have the company of her husband and children on certain days, with the family flying out once a week during her expedition to wherever Bharulata happens to be!

She added: "I have always felt that I wanted to make a meaningful contri-

bution to society, and hopefully this drive will promote the empowerment of women. It greatly affects many parts of society, particularly in India, and I want to send a message out of promoting equality.

"I am really looking forward to it and I'm confident that I will do it."

Everyone is welcome to wave Bharulata off on her journey at the cricket club in Wardown Park between 9-11am on August 28.

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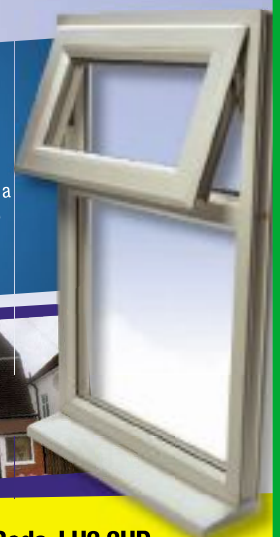
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No mow: grass is too costly to cut

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A COUNCIL says it is being forced to reduce grass cutting services due to pressure on its purse – despite five consecutive years of council tax increases.

After we reported complaints from residents about unruly patches of grass, the authority told LoS it will be adopting a 'more relaxed mowing regime' and will now only be cutting grass on average once a month, and has urged the public to 'bear with them'.

Many residents are angry about the decision and took to social media to vent their frustrations.

Waseem Hussain said: "There are too many overpaid staff in the town hall."

"You don't need staff in offices but active maintenance staff who make a difference."

"The council has overspent in previous years rather than building a surplus



and now blame it on budget cuts, whilst council tax rises every year."

Ilona Kolkas said: "It's like living in a third world country."

"Roundabouts and grass verges not cut and paths with knee-high weeds not sprayed. What a first impression people get when they come to Luton."

Luton Liberal Democrat leader David Franks said:

"When you're running a town like Luton there are just some things you've got to get right."

"It's all well and good to have grand ideas for multi-million pound developments and that should be praised,

but it's not going to happen unless you get the basics right."

"You need that to get people to have a sense of pride of being a Lutonian."

A Luton Borough Council statement said: "People may have noticed that this year we have let the grass grow a little longer than previous years in public areas."

"This is because we are facing huge financial pressures in response to government austerity measures and we have made the tough decision to reduce the frequency of grass cutting to up to eight cuts a year through spring and summer."

"This means residents will see a noticeable difference in the length of grass on public land."

The council did add that it may increase the number of grass cuts if there is 'excess growth' due to warm and wet weather.

Lead thief court in the act

NIMBLE Wayne Common struck at the heart of the criminal justice system after he swiped the lead off the roof of his local crown court five times.

In May of this year, in the dead of night, Common shinned up onto the roof of Luton Crown Court to make off

with lead tiles worth a total of £17k. As a result the roof suffered leaks and was damaged.

On Friday, August 5, he appeared at St Albans crown court via a video link from the prison where he was being held on remand, he was given a nine month prison sentence suspended for 15 months.

Common, 35, of Tennyson Road in Luton, pleaded guilty to stealing the lead from a roof of a residential property in Guildford Street in Luton, five counts of stealing lead off the roof of the crown court in the town centre, failing to surrender and possessing an offensive weapon – a Stanley knife.

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Wanessa, 15, will 'be missed by all'

BY NICK SMITH

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TRIBUTES have poured in for 15-year-old Wanessa Lewandowska who was killed in a road traffic collision in High Town Road on Tuesday evening.

Friends were seen leaving flowers and candles on Wednesday at the scene of where the teen lost her life, and messages have also been posted on social media.

Charlotte Oprych said on Facebook: "After a tragic car accident yesterday, now heaven's gained the best angel."

"Torn away from us far too early, only 15 years old."

Victoria Field commented: "R.I.P Nessa."

"You will be missed by everyone."

Staff at The Studio School in Luton which 'Nessa' attended, were hit hard by the news.

Vice principal Noel Hopper said: "Wanessa was a very lively, bubbly and clever girl who the staff were very fond of."

"She was also well liked by her peers and had friends at both of our secondary academies who will be devastated by this news."



COLLISION: Crash scene where Wanessa Lewandowska (inset) died

A Facebook group called 'R.I.P Nessa' has been set up in her memory and currently has close to 50 members.

Miss Lewandowska was killed when the car she was a passenger in collided with a shop in High Town.

The car's driver was taken to hospital in a critical condition while police are looking for another passenger who is believed to have made off following the collision.

Police and Crime Commissioner, Kathryn Holloway, said: "A 15-year-old girl received injuries which cost her life, which is an absolute tragedy for her and her family, and the lives of every party involved, including the others in the car and the police officer, were changed forever."

The Independent Police Complaints Commission has opened an investigation into the circumstances of the fatal incident.



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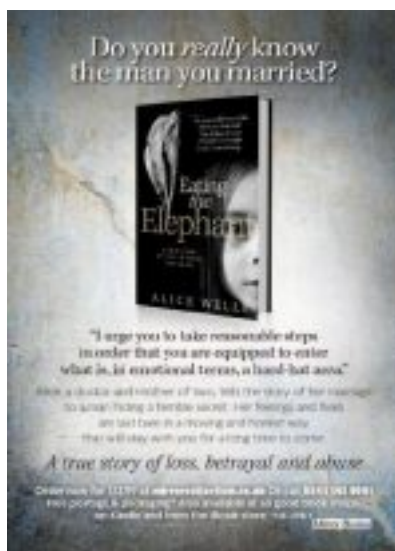
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Late night car group will continue meets

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A GROUP of car enthusiasts has said it will continue to meet - despite a host of noise complaints from nearby residents.

Sunday Night Madness says that it wants to work with police to find a suitable place for them to meet and drive their cars.

Nakul Patel, 24, is part of the group that meet every Sunday evening at the Sedgwick Road Industrial Estate.

He told *Luton on Sunday*: "We used to meet in an area where there were no residents, but we were moved on by police."

"If they keep moving us along we will only move on somewhere else - cruising is not a crime. We would welcome the police helping

us find an area where we can hang out instead of being named as a nuisance all the time."

Some residents had complained of noise levels, while Bedfordshire Police has said it is investigating 'dangerous road misuse' connected with the group.

But Nakul feels that members of the group simply want to meet and show off their cars, and that although 'sometimes there is noise' - it is a preferable route to head down instead of drinking and taking drugs on the street.

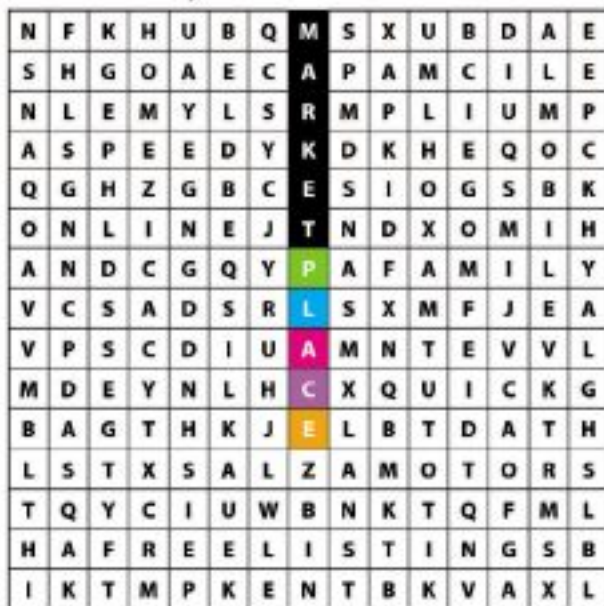
He added: "I understand some people might not like the noise, but we were all young once."

Police received seven calls about the group's activities on Sunday, July 31, and was in the process of investigating the complaints.

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Hatters submit stadium plans

LUTON Town Football Club have submitted plans for the new stadium at the former Power Court site.

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This is another big step forward in

the club's mission to relocate from their current Kenilworth Road home, which was first suggested in the 50s.

Tony Murray, chairman of the supporters group trust in Luton, said: "It offers a great future for the club and it's going to be great for the town. I can't see any negatives."

Luton Borough Council confirmed it had received the plans and will be conducting a public consultation.



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If you see any dozy parking offenders across Luton, please send in your snaps to editor@lsnmedia.co.uk



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READALLOVER



THIS week we met up with Pauline Heisig, who had her head shaved at Aspects Salon in Silsoe, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Despite a technical hiccup of a power cut shortly before she arrived, Pauline managed to 'Brave the Shave' for a good cause, and managed to raise £265 in the process.

You can continue to donate here: bravetheshave.org.uk/shavers/pauline-heisig/

BLOGGER OF THE WEEK: Udoka Ukonkwo

Alzheimer's fundraiser

Gavin Shuker's annual summer school, for young people with an interest in politics, has been spending time working with the Alzheimer's Society.

Udoka Ukonkwo (second from left, top row) has written about the experience and what she has learned from working with the charity.



FOR the past three weeks, our group from Gavin Shuker's Summer School have been working with Alzheimer's Society to learn more about the work that the group does.

We were also asked to put on a fundraiser to help the Society continue funding pioneering research and services for people affected by dementia.

These are some of our experiences.

First, we visited a 'Singing for the Brain' session at St. Andrews Church - a service that uses singing to bring people affected by dementia together.

None of our group are particularly accomplished vocalists, but that didn't matter. We sang and danced with the rest of the group, and were deeply inspired by the warmth and joy in the room.

It was interesting to see how some songs were more effective triggers than others.

One man was silent for almost the whole session, but jumped to his feet when the group sang "You'll Never Walk Alone" (much to the chagrin of his wife).

On the following Thursday, we met with several key members of Alzheimer's Society team, but the most affecting encounter came at the end of the day, when we met with Keith Oliver, an Alzheimer's Society Ambassador.

He and his wife and carer Rosemary gave our team valuable insight into what

it's like to live with early-onset Alzheimer's.

Their words were deeply moving and informative, and gave the entire team renewed energy to continue fundraising.

Keith challenged our pre-conceptions of people with dementia, and showed us first-hand that no one is just defined by having an illness, be it dementia or anything else.

Alexandra Rosie Paul, 21, from Luton said: "I have a real interest in politics as well as charity work so getting a chance to combine the two seemed like a great opportunity."

"Being able to receive advice from an MP whilst giving back to the community has been a once in a lifetime opportunity and I encourage any other young people to get involved in the summer school next year."

Our fun, family-friendly event is called 'Get Your Quiz On!' and will include a quiz, a meal and a raffle with prizes provided by local businesses as well as a top prize of tea for two with Gavin in the Houses of Parliament.

Doors open at 7:00pm, for a 7:20pm start.

A meal will be provided by G's Gourmet Burgers on Wellington Street in Luton.

Tickets are £7 each and can be purchased by visiting the Eventbrite here: <http://bit.ly/2b34mEj>, or calling 07875 300375.

Ticket sales end Monday at 6pm.

Your Luton Letters on sunday

Focus on the facts

THE amazing claims by the Liberal Democrats' spin doctors in their 'Focus' leaflet are a constant source of amusement to me, and their Summer Special is no exception.

The headline 'Massive increase in Lib-Dem vote in High Town by-election' is followed by a claim that voters are returning to their party.

It is obvious that their share of the vote went up because in last year's council elections they didn't even bother to contest the ward.

They also conveniently omitted to mention that Labour won the by-election and that the Lib Dems were beaten into third place with 92 votes fewer than the Green Party.

Nick Murray
Mullion Close
Luton

Sky high prices

MY brother-in-law flew into Luton airport from Dublin the other day. He was touted by a taxi. For a three mile journey he was charged £15.

That's £5 per mile. Daylight robbery. What a welcome to Luton.

John Tucker
Bracklesham Gardens
Luton

Housing pressure

I READ with some uncertainty the story about the Luton family being forced to leave their home and the statement from the judge saying the 'the pressures on the council housing



CONTROVERSIAL:
Inspire's new policy

stock are acute'. Yet a neighbour's son has told me their next door neighbour has just purchased his own council house and this from someone who I believe has been on benefits and working at night since moving in up the road from us around 15 years ago.

How is it the council keep on about the shortage of council homes yet they are all but giving away council property with massive savings because someone once lived there?

Not sure how someone that never looks to work and has six kids and two cars can get a mortgage yet my daughter can't earn enough with two jobs to save the amount needed to get on the house ladder.

Name and address supplied

Water poor offering

LUTON'S olympic swimming pool has begun hosting gender-segregated swimming sessions because of 'cultural' reasons among others, it has been alleged.

According to Inspire's phone recording they have a 50-metre competition pool and a community pool for less adventurous swimmers. This is apparently not only small but shallow.

The following article from LoS dated 7.8.16 'Pool hits back at gender criticism' tries to justify denying women access to the large pool by stating that gender specific sessions are common practice around the world.

This would be acceptable if the gender specific sessions were at different times in the large pool.

It is certainly not acceptable that ladies should be directed to a much inferior pool. Apparently this was announced at very short notice and the resident who complained was told that anyone not wishing to use the small community pool can use pools in Lea Manor or Lewsey. Another example of the council's contempt for the residents.

Doreen Steinberg
By email

Wasted opportunity

IF the council are to replace the small green bins with larger ones to encourage more recycling, they should, by the same yardstick replace the large black bins with smaller ones too.

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Philip Henden
By email

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APPEAL: Dunstable Rotary Club and the local Salvation Army are on hunt for school uniform

Atul Shah accused 'not violent person'

BY COURT REPORTER
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A MAN accused of murdering a cannabis grower for his drugs and money told a jury on Wednesday that it was his co-defendant who carried out a 'horrible' attack.

Luke West, 23, admits the manslaughter of Atul Shah at his flat in Luton, but said he only punched him twice.

He told the jury at Luton Crown Court that Kyle Pitchford-Price, also 23, had punched and threatened 47-year-old Mr Shah with a knife while he searched the first floor flat in Crescent Road for money.

In the witness box at Luton Crown Court Mr West, who also admits conspiracy to burgle,

said: "I have never been a violent person. I never had any intention to cause Mr Shah any serious harm. I punched Mr Shah twice."

Prosecutor Stuart Trimmer QC earlier told the jury Mr Shah's hands and feet were bound and he was beaten about his face and head.

Mr West told the court: "I tried to pull Kyle off."

"I looked around the flat for money. I looked in the kitchen and lounge area. I didn't find anything. Kyle was still hitting him and threatening him with a knife, demanding to know where the money was."

When Mr Pitchford-Price gave evidence, he told the jury he had never been to Mr Shah's flat.

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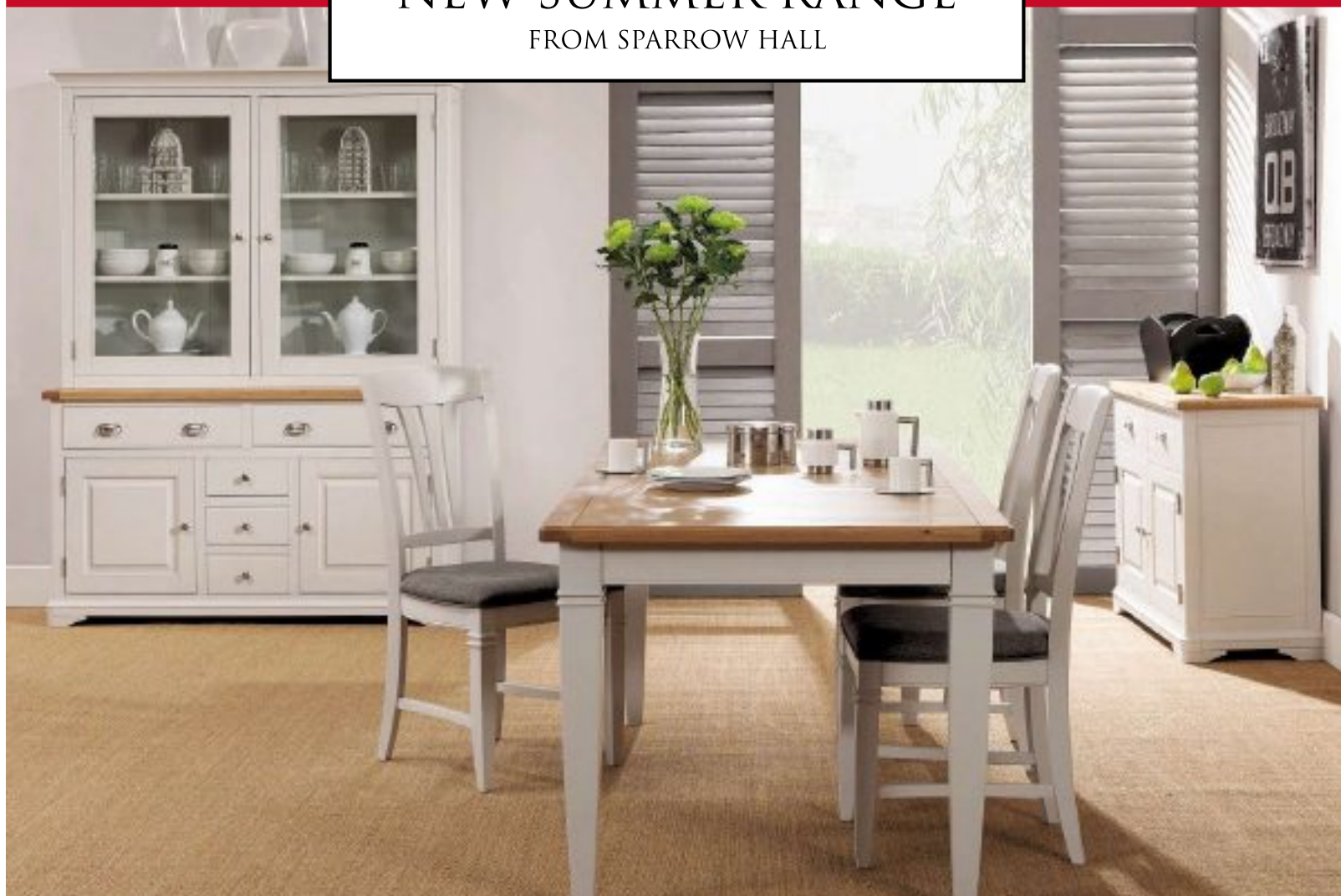


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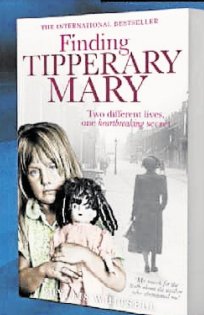
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Neighbours back Jack's home fight

BY NICK SMITH

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NEIGHBOURS have rallied in support of a family who face being thrown out of their home.

Following a court ruling made last Wednesday, Jack Jones, his partner Phil Town and Phil's cousin Jake, who suffers from diabetes, are all set to be booted from Jack's family home, where he has lived since 1997.

Neighbours have poured in with support, calling them a 'valuable part of the neighbourhood'.

One of their neighbours, Emma Anderson, said: "On a personal level we as a neigh-



FAMILY HOME: Phil Town and Jack Jones (right)

bourhood are a close community.

"We have all sent letters to the council stating our pleas for them to stay in their family home as they are a vital part of our neighbourhood."

Jack's mother died in 2012, and his father in May last year, both from lung cancer, and he cared for them at the Duncombe Road house.

Mr Jones said: "There's a house opposite which has been unoccupied for years."

"It's just salt in the wounds that we're being turfed out."

On the decision, a spokesman for Luton Borough Council said: "Luton Council welcomes the court's decision."

"We appreciate that this has been a distressing time for Mr Jones and his family, but the difficult decision has been made against a background of considerable pressure for two-bedroom homes from the large number of overcrowded families in the town."

"We have offered a one-bedroom property to Mr Jones and his partner."

Traveller site murder trial set to start next year

THE murder trial concerning the death of a man at a traveller site near Leighton Buzzard a week ago will not be held until early next year.

On Tuesday defendant Thomas McCarthy appeared at Luton Crown Court via a video link from Bedford Prison.

Judge Richard Foster set a provisional date of January 13, 2017, for the trial to begin.

Mr McCarthy, 24, of Toddury Farm, Slapton

Road, Little Billington, is accused of the murder of Patrick Maloney, 43, who also lived at the site.

A post-mortem examination revealed he died as a result of multiple crushing injuries consistent with being involved in a collision with a vehicle.

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Will, who lives in Northamptonshire and dreams of being the first disabled professional footballer, was born without a left hand as a result of amniotic band syndrome.

You may remember the story in LoS in April when research into 3D printer prototypes got underway in (inset right).

The hand is now in the blue and white, the colour of his football team, Reading FC, but staff at the university have also made a skin coloured one.

His mother Jo is hoping he will have the new prosthesis in time for when school restarts in around a month.

Mrs Joyner, who initiated the project when she contacted the university over a year ago, added: "He's really excited about it."

"He's been telling all his friends and we hope he gets it in time for the start of the new school year."

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Dr Jazani said: "We are at the penultimate stage and the fitting has allowed us to carry out some final adjustments."

"We've made it

stronger than the original prototype and this should last him well into his teens."

The University of Bedfordshire is planning to carry on helping Will, by providing him with new prosthetics as he gets older and grows.

Speaking about the day William said

it was 'really good' and he hopes that it will 'definitely' help him become a professional footballer.

William hasn't let his disability hinder his sporting career so far and he currently plays for a team affiliated to Premier League champions Leicester City.

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BY NICK SMITH

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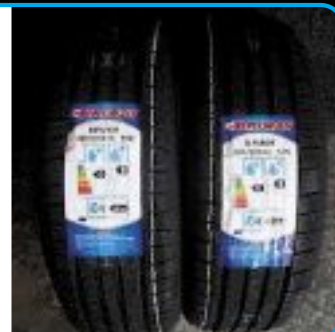
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Rocking out in Dunstable

EIGHTIES pop legends T'Pau are the headline act of the annual Dunstable Rocks music festival this year. For one day only on Saturday, Grove Gardens will play host to superb live music acts throughout the day - whether it's local talent or major players such as Carol Decker (pictured) and her group. T'Pau had a string of top 40 singles in the 80s, most notably with *China In Your Hand* and *Heart and Soul*. And there will be plenty of heart and soul in this good natured local event which has become an annual fixture on the what's on list. If you feel you would like to be a little way out of the hustle and bustle of the crowd, there will also be a big screen in the park for you to still be able to see what's going on. Security will be present throughout the area and throughout the day. No crates or boxes or beer and no spirits and only one bottle of wine per family will be allowed. There are to be no bikes and all dogs must be on leads. So enjoy the afternoon by bringing a picnic along, or purchase from a wide range of food stalls that are sure to leave your tastebuds tingling. This year's Dunstable Rocks runs from a new time of 2pm until 9pm. And the good news for everyone is that the event is completely free to attend for everyone. You can't get better value than that! So head out of the house and down to the Grove Gardens on Saturday to enjoy some fantastic live music. Let's just hope the sun stays out!

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OUT & ABOUT

Best of Luton on show in evening

THE first ever Luton Midnight Run takes place on Friday. Revoluton Arts has commissioned six local artists to create the run, a night-time, arts-filled, walking journey through the town, from 6pm until midnight.

Tickets are £20 for adults and £15 concessions. Visit RevolutonArts.com to buy.

There are only 35 spaces available for the Midnight Run, so early booking is advised!



MIDNIGHT RUN
CENTRAL LUTON
FRIDAY

Enjoy a day of community fun

A COMMUNITY Centre is holding a family fun day to raise much needed funds to help it continue to operate.

The Raynham Way Community Centre, in Eaton Green Road, was one of several given a last minute reprieve from closure.

And it's opening its doors to everyone this Saturday (August 20).

Running from noon until 4pm, there will be stalls and

and displays to keep you all occupied, while there will be games for the kids to let off some steam.

For adults there will be a marquee serving teas and cakes so you can all relax.

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SUNNY AFTERNOON
MK THEATRE
AUGUST 30-
SEPTEMBER 5

SO tired? Tired of waiting?

Well in a couple of weeks' time you can flash back to the 60s to witness the explosion of the hit band, The Kinks.

The show that is still storming the West End, Sunny Afternoon, is setting off onto the open road and will be at Milton Keynes Theatre at the end of the month.

The Kinks dominated the 60s music scene with a raw sound that captured the nation. Set against the back-drop of a Britain caught mid-swing between the conservative 50s and riotous 60s, this production explores the euphoric highs and agonising lows of one of Britain's most iconic bands and the music that influenced generations.

The Kinks enjoyed a string of chart-topping successes, and producers promise you can 'sing and dance along to all your favourites as the electrifying story unfolds in front of your eyes'.

Can't say fairer than that – if you like The Kinks, that is. Let's hear more about what you can expect: 'Going where other musi-

cals don't dare, Sunny Afternoon exposes the loves and losses that the band encountered on their road to fame, and delivers an emotional punch that will warm your heart and leave you buzzing. Experience the thrill of the music and the power of a live Kinks performance. Witness the band's beginnings, as brothers Dave and Ray Davies join forces and write their first songs.'

The show tells the tale of one of Britain's greatest bands through their iconic hits including You Really Got Me, Waterloo Sunset, Dedicated Follower of Fashion, All Day and All Of The Night, Lola and of course Sunny Afternoon.

The tour will star Ryan O'Donnell as Ray Davies, Mark Newnham as Dave Davies, Garmon Rhys as bassist Pete Quaife and Andrew Gallo as drummer Mick Avory.

The show will run from Tuesday, August 30 until Saturday, September 5. Tickets start from £17.90 and are available at atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes or by calling 0844 871 7652.

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MUSIC



THE original drummer for Status Quo, John Coghlan, is coming to Luton for a special one-off show, performing all of the band's most famous hits.

He joined the band in 1962, when they were then known as The Spectres, and went through a number of names before settling on Status Quo later in the decade.

His drumming has also appeared on some of their most famous hits, including Rockin' All Over The World, Down Down, Caroline and Whatever You Want and has featured on 14 of the band's albums.

However, he left the band in 1981 as they were getting ready to record their 20th anniversary album, to be released

the following year. He focused on his own band, Diesel, who he had performed with sporadically with since his days in Status Quo, and who he performed with until the 1990s.

He also formed a super-group called Rockers, which featured Coghlan on drums, Phil Lynott, the late great front man from Thin Lizzy, on bass, guitar and vocals, Chas Hodges on keyboards and Roy Wood on guitar and just about everything else.

He then formed his own band, called John Coghlan's Quo in the late 1990s and has been performing with them since.

The band has toured across Europe and the United Kingdom with great success, with various line-ups.

Joining Coghlan on drums for this gig is Baz Barry and Mick Hughes on guitar and vocals, with Rick Chase on bass and vocals, with the band performing the most famous Quo hits from 1962-1981.

He has since reunited with Status Quo, at least temporarily in 2013 and 2014 to perform on their sold-out Frantic Four Reunion Tours, playing at such iconic arenas as the Manchester Forum and Wembley Arena, which were

also released as DVDs and CD recordings. A spokesperson for The Bear Club said: "When he asked to play The Bear Club, how could we refuse, so for a special rock 'n' roll Saturday night, we welcome John Coghlan's Quo, a 4-piece band recreating the music from those early days of Quo."

"Rarely seen in such an intimate venue, 100 lucky people will get to rock out up close this August Bank Holiday."

This is a rare opportunity to see a rock 'n' roll legend in such an intimate venue and a must for any Quo fan.

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**JOHN COGHLAN'S
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What's hot in Luton



FLEX those green fingers and start your garden adventure at West Park in Silsoe. Hear stories about famous gardeners from the past then get your creative juices flowing as you use foliage found in the West Park gardens to make something crafty to take home. The Garden Explorers event takes place in the park from 11am until 5pm. Running from tomorrow until Friday, entry comes with the fee to get into West Park. Family tickets cost £28.10.



FEEL like it's time to learn some smooth salsa moves? Spice up Tuesday evenings at the UK Centre for Carnival Arts building in St Mary's Road, Luton. Sessions cost £5, just turn up if you feel like it! Sessions for beginners run from 8-9pm, advanced from 8-10:30pm.



JUST A little reminder that the annual Summer in the Sun event - which will see St George's Square magic into a beach - returns on Saturday (August 20) and runs until Friday August 26. It will be open from 11:30am until 6:30pm each day. There will be a whole host of things to entertain.

COFFEE TIME

PATHWORDS

Starting from the central shaded letter, move one letter at a time (up, down, right or left, but not diagonally) to find eight great Britons.

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TRANSFORMER

Add the given letter or letters to the first word to make a new word.

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Clue: Make a ruminant feel smug.

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

What word links the following?

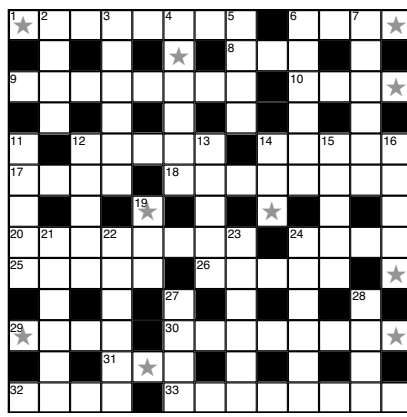
1. a country;
2. soil;
3. to bring ashore;
4. to come down to earth.

FIVE ALIVE

Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid - but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

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STARSPOT CROSSWORD



Can you find the celebrity name hidden in this crossword? The letters in the starred squares will make an anagram of the name.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Ocean (8)
6. Vend (4)
8. Not at home (3)
9. Commands (8)
10. Breed of horse (4)
12. Wept (5)
14. Gauge (5)
17. Hot drinks (4)
18. Hoarded wealth (8)
20. Performs surgery (8)
24. Remit (4)
25. Put off (5)
26. Ventures (5)
29. Band of criminals (4)
30. Adjusting (8)
31. Swallow food (3)
32. Employs (4)
33. Bony framework (8)

CLUES DOWN

2. Carrying board (4)
3. Thespians (6)
4. Lavatory (6)
5. Expense (4)
6. Degrees (6)
7. One who goes fir: (6)
11. Endured (5)
12. Humped animal (3)
13. Desiccated (5)
14. Fellow (3)
15. Melodies (5)
16. Prepared (5)
19. Alcove (3)
21. Floral leaves (6)
22. Series of mount (6)
23. Ferocious (6)
24. Sofa (6)
27. Floor coverings (2)
28. Preposition (4)

SUDOKU

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

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SOLUTIONS

TRANSFORMER:
 unmy - Vague; Looks;
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 own - Armed; Inapt; Eater;
 1 Across - Valid; Bloom;
 2 Down - 2 Tray; 3 Actors; 4 Uses; 33 Skeleton;
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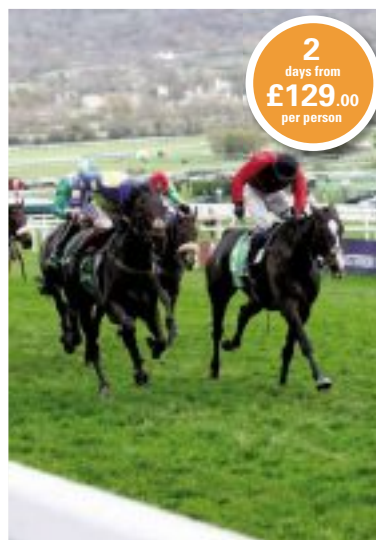
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A novelist's room, without a view

IF THE questions on highbrow TV quiz show Only Connect baffle you, you also might not realise that the name itself is from a well-known book.

The BBC2 programme hosted by Victoria Coren Mitchell, where teams compete to find connections between seemingly unrelated clues, takes its title from a quotation in E.M. Forster's *Howards End*: "Only connect the prose and the passion, and both will be exalted, and human love will be seen at its highest. Live in fragments no longer."

Forster had five novels published in his lifetime – most of them movie material. Three were made into films by Merchant-Ivory – *A Room with a View*, *Howards End* and *Maurice* – while David Lean directed *A Passage To India*.

Forster kept a London flat from 1925, although he spent much of his life with his widowed mother Lily in Surrey. Forster moved from Bloomsbury



to Arlington Park Mansions in October 1939, partly to escape central London following the outbreak of war, and also to be closer to his friend and lover Bob Buckingham in Shepherd's Bush. Forster spent one or two days a week at his top-floor flat, travelling with a small bag by bus and train, as he regarded taxis, "a vulgar extravagance". The thrifty writer used the flat

as a pied-à-terre until his death in 1970.

This one-bedroom, ground floor maisonette in the building is now up for sale at £525,000. This blue plaque property opposite Turnham Green has been recently renovated and has its own private access.

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House where union martyrs met

HUNDREDS of festival-goers spurned Glastonbury and Bestival to rub shoulders with Jeremy Corbyn and actress Maxine Peake last month at the annual Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival.

The antithesis of a corporate music event, it's all about folk music and real ale drinking rounded off with some lively political debate at the Dorset village, which hosts a musical gathering and march of trades union members, socialist politicians and activists who gather to lay a wreath on one of the Tolpuddle Martyrs' graves.

Dorset farm labourer George Lovell and five fellow workers – his brother James, James Hammett, James Brine, Thomas Standfield and Thomas's son John – were deported to Australia in 1834.

The men were charged with having taken an illegal oath and forming a trade union to protest about their meagre pay of six shillings a week – the equivalent



of 30p in today's money and the third wage cut in as many years.

However, the working class rose up in support of the men; a huge demonstration marched through London and an 800,000-strong petition was delivered to Parliament. After three years, the government relented and they returned home with free pardons and as heroes.

The oldest, Thomas Standfield

was co-founder of the Tolpuddle Union and many of their meetings were held in the upstairs room of his three-bedroom cottage, now on the market for £300,000.

This piece of history is Grade II listed, has a sitting room with open fire, kitchen-diner, with one of the bedrooms leading up to the secret meeting room/loft.

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Lisa Presley's heartbreak house for sale



Lisa Marie Presley looks to be heading to the divorce court for the fourth time after splitting from hubby Michael Lockwood.

Elvis's only daughter wants a legal separation from her former guitarist and record producer husband, whom she wed in 2006 in Japan, blaming irreconcilable differences for their split.

The mother-of-four, 48, has demanded full custody of the couple's twin seven-year-old daughters, Harper and Finley.

She was previously married to Danny Keough – who's dad to her other two children Riley

and Ben – as well as Michael Jackson and Nicholas Cage.

Before they suffered from suspicious minds, the couple had been cosy at her sprawling 15th century, 50-acre manor house complete with three swimming pools near Rotherfield in East Sussex.

Presley chose the English countryside over her mansion in Los Angeles and threw herself into village life for a while, playing darts and drinking Guinness and champagne in the nearby Kings Arms. The singer-songwriter, who

inherited Elvis's \$100m fortune at 25, even spent a stint helping

out in the mobile fish and chip van.

Grade II-listed Coes Hall boasts 11 bedrooms, a circular garden room with views over the garden and lake, as well as stables, paddocks and a cottage in the grounds. The period pad also has a gym, entertainment room and bar, billiard room two staff/guest apartments.

It's a good job she's not pushed for cash as, according to the Land Registry, Presley bought Coes Hall in 2010 for £5.8m but is only asking a mere £4.5m.

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LOCAL PROJECT RECEIVES FUNDING

A three-year programme aimed at tackling depression, anxiety and substance abuse among Luton's homeless youth has been granted another three years of funding.

The mental health service, Open Minds has been awarded for the second time a grant of almost £278,000 by the Big Lottery Fund to provide Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) to support vulnerable young people in Luton. This project aims to help them develop much more positive ways of coping with life's stresses and the challenges they might be facing in the course of their homelessness.

Open Minds also supports young people who suffer from other difficulties such as socialising, phobias, obsessive

behaviours, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and problems with relationships and families.

Most of the service users who took part previously were able to complete education and were able to access part/full-time or voluntary employment – hassle free.

Four local organisations are involved in the scheme – the University of Bedfordshire (UoB),

Luton Community Housing (LCH), Mary Seacole Housing Association and Signposts Luton.

Michael Moses, Project leader at LCH, commented: "Open Minds is a project that allows several organisations in the community to join forces and help vulnerable young

people within the community. We are overwhelmed that the project has received another three years of funding from the Big Lottery Fund and with this, we hope to make a significant difference to our community."

Antigonos Sochos, University of Bedfordshire's Senior Lecturer in Psychology commented: "We are delighted to receive the second grant as the continuation of this service is very important. This service addresses a significant gap in the mental health provision for this vulnerable group and we hope that more individuals in need will now receive appropriate support. I would like to thank the Big Lottery Fund and all organisations and individuals involved."



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Where Colin's love failed, actually

LAST year's film *Kingsman: The Secret Service* saw Colin Firth's debonair spy-maker massacre scores of people in a church and then meet his end soon afterwards. But fans of the action flick were surprised when a promotional poster for follow-up *Kingsman: The Golden Circle* featured his broken thick-rimmed glasses lying upon a line reading "Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated." He's also been pictured recently on the set as dapper agent Harry Hart, which seems to point to Firth coming back from the dead.

The fast-paced film was a far cry from the Oscar-winning actor's more serious roles, such as soft-hearted Jamie Bennett in 2003 rom-com *Love Actually*. Betrayed by an unfaithful girlfriend, he hopes to forget his troubles by immersing himself in writing a crime novel in the south of France.

The house where the



cardigan-wearing Firth escapes to recently went on the market, complete with a lake where he and housekeeper Aurelia flail about to recover his manuscript.

Now the two-bedroom garden flat where the fictional writer lived with his girlfriend, until he found out she was having an affair with his brother, is available to aspiring writers and Firth fans. The Grade II listed Chiswick house was originally

built in 1879 for the English watercolour painter and lithographer Joseph Nash and the layout is still centred around the original artist's studio which is now a big open-plan dining room with large window and high ceilings.

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Electrolux Complex, Challney, £249,995

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Saints Area, £1200 pcm

This rarely available three bedroom end of terraced family home is currently under refurbishment. On the ground floor, there is the living room, dining room, newly fitted kitchen and the storage room. On the first floor, there are three bedrooms and the family bathroom. To the side of the property, there is the driveway leading to the garage.



New Bedford Road Area, £419,950

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Old Bedford Road, £2,300 pcm

This prestigious detached family home provides five bedrooms. Access is via the private gated entry system to the spacious front driveway. The entrance hall provides access to the living room, dining room and the kitchen.



North Luton £1000 pcm

Three bedroom end of terrace family home. Accommodation to comprise entrance hall, kitchen, lounge/diner, first floor family bathroom with separate WC and three bedrooms.

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Old Bedford Road £174,950

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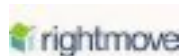
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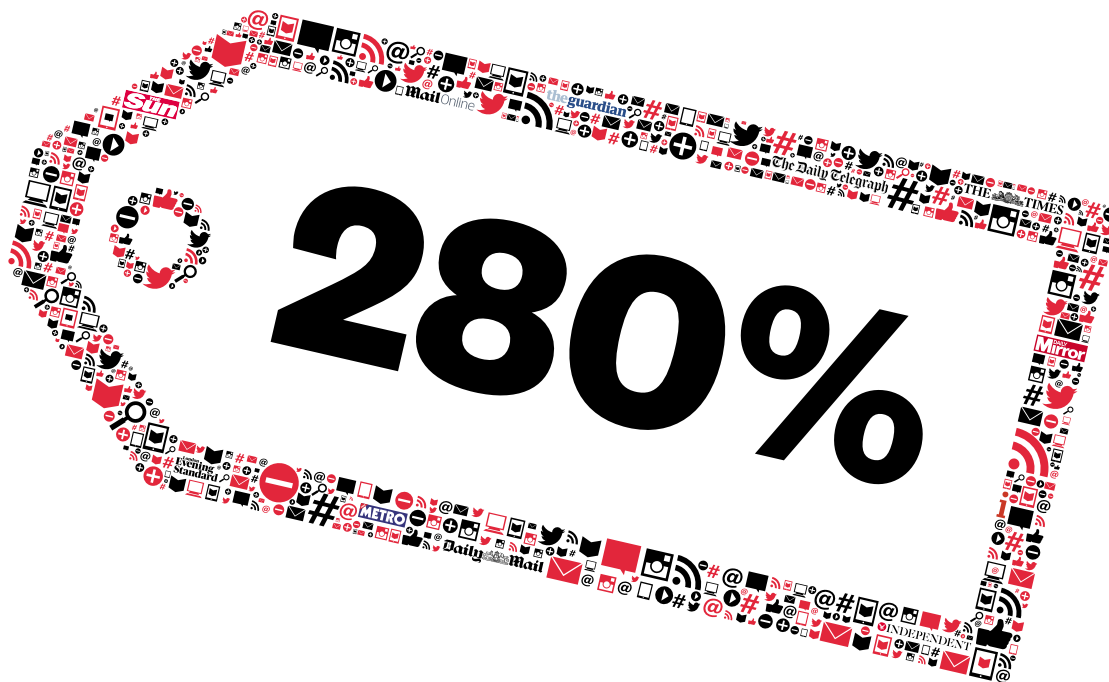


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NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th August 2016 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation on 17th August 2016 for a period of 18 months or when the proposed works have been completed, whichever is earlier. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to temporarily close to traffic the roads and lengths of roads in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described in the Schedule below unless such works are delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Order will also provide for "No Waiting" restrictions to apply in each road for the period of the closure. This will be in force when signed cones are displayed

The purpose of the Order is to enable carriageway repairs and resurfacing works to be carried out.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs. 14th August 2016

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Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD	DATES and TIMES
Church Street.	From its junction with Guildford Street to its junction with Crescent Road.	17 th August 2016 – 31 st August 2016. Overnight 20.00 hours – 06.00 hours.
Hitchin Road.	From its junction with Charles Street to its junction with Burr Street.	17 th August 2016 – 31 st August 2016. Overnight 20.00 hours – 06.00 hours.
Marsh Road.	At its junction with the Willow Way Roundabout.	10 th October 2016 – 14 th October 2016. Overnight 20.00 hours – 06.00 hours.
Mayne Avenue.	From its junction with The Green to its junction with Leagrave High Street.	17 th August 2016 – 31 st August 2016. Overnight 20.00 hours – 06.00 hours.
St James Road.	The whole length.	20 th September 2016 – 30 th September 2016. Daytime 08.00 hours – 18.00 hours.
St Lawrence Avenue.	The whole length.	20 th September 2016 – 30 th September 2016. Daytime 08.00 hours – 18.00 hours.
St Monica's Avenue.	The whole length.	20 th September 2016 – 30 th September 2016. Daytime 08.00 hours – 18.00 hours.
Windsor Walk.	From its junction with Adelaide Street to its junction with Dumfries Street.	12 th September 2016 – 16 th September 2016. Daytime 08.00 hours – 18.00 hours.

**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (LEAGRAVE ROAD)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) (No.3) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th August 2016 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation on 22nd August 2016 for a period of 18 months or when the proposed works have been completed, whichever is earlier. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described in the Schedule below unless such works are delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.

The purpose of the Order is to enable works at the bridge to be carried out.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

14th August 2016

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SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD	DATES and TIMES
Leagrave Road.	From its junction with Althorp Road to its roundabout junction with Selbourne Road.	22 nd August 2016 – 26 th August 2016. Overnight 23.30 hours to 05.00 hours.

**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (WEXHAM CLOSE)
(TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE) (No.2) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th August 2016 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation 12th September 2016 and cease operation after a period of 6 months or when the proposed works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to pedestrians the footpath and length of footpath in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described in the Schedule below unless such works are delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.

The purpose of the Order is to carry out gas connection works.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for pedestrians will be marked by signs.

14th August 2016

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SCHEDULE

FOOTPATH.	LENGTH OF FOOTPATH.	DATES.
Wexham Close.	Footpath outside of No's 51–56 Wexham Close.	12 th September 2016 - 15 th September 2016.

**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (MAYFIELD ROAD)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th August 2016 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation on 13th September 2016 and cease operation after 16th September 2016 or when the proposed works have been completed, whichever is earlier. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to temporarily close to traffic the roads and length of road in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described as above.

The purpose of the Order is to enable mains gas connection works to be carried out.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

14th August 2016

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SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Mayfield Road.	From outside of No.10 Mayfield Road to its junction with Green Lane.

**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (VARIOUS ROADS)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) (NO.3) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th August 2016 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation on 21st August 2016 and cease operation after 22nd August 2016 or when the proposed works have been completed, whichever is earlier. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to temporarily close to traffic the roads and lengths of roads in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described in the Schedule below unless such works are delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate telephone cabling works to be carried out.

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SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD	DATES and TIMES
Roman Road.	From its junction with Beechwood Road to its junction with Oakley Road.	21 st September 2016 – 22 nd September 2016. Overnight 22.00 hours – 06.00 hours.
Winch Street.	The whole length.	21 st September 2016. Daytime 09.30 hours – 15.00 hours.

**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (VARIOUS ROADS)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) (LITFC) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE is hereby given that on 8th August 2016 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation 9th August 2016 and cease operation after 31st July 2017 or when the proposed football matches have finished, whichever is the earlier. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the roads and lengths of roads in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for Luton Town Football Club matches to take place and it is anticipated that the football matches will finish over a period within the dates described above.

The purpose of the Order is to enable the safe passage of highway users attending Luton Town Football Club matches.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst the football matches are taking place and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

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SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
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While adding a trailer behind your van to carry additional equipment may seem a simple process, a lack of knowledge about vehicle load weights and towing laws could mean that drivers are potentially breaking the law.

Research undertaken by Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles found that a worrying 53 per cent of van drivers didn't know their vehicle's maximum load carrying capacity, and nearly half of businesses do not monitor the weights of company vehicles on a regular basis.

In 2015, the DVSA stopped more than 10,800 vans on UK roads and found 89 per cent to be driving overloaded.

Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles is urging customers to ensure they know their vehicle's towing capacity before hitching up. On a UK full car licence, anyone can drive up to 3.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW). However, when adding a trailer, the laws become more complicated, with restrictions on a permis-



sible vehicle and trailer weights for those who obtained their driving licence after 1997.

Going above these weights (without the right licence or a tachograph being fitted can lead to large fines for businesses.

Companies can also potentially face a court summons and even immobilisation of the vehicles for failing to comply.

Using the wrong vehicle for towing can also affect driving

performance, for example reducing acceleration and increasing stopping distances, particularly in the wet, and can cause long term detrimental damage to the vehicle.

Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles says its Van Centre staff can help businesses select the right vehicle for their needs, ensuring vehicles are capable of towing the right weight.

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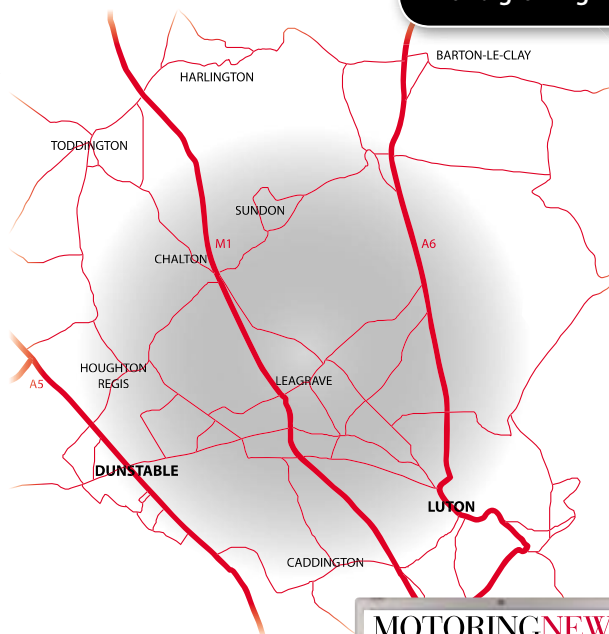
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BY IAN DONALDSON

SOMETIMES you think car designers inhabit a different world from ordinary mortals, where everything is sporty, vibrant and exciting.

No it isn't. Sometimes we just want a car that will take the family from A to B.

If it manages that while keeping us safe and comfortable, not breaking down and not costing a fortune to run then it's job done.

And on those practical criteria the SEAT Alhambra you see here deserves an A-grade, comfortably. It is undoubtedly safe (top marks in the official test), comfortable (and simply vast inside for people and luggage) and economical too.

What the Alhambra most definitely not is 'sporty', especially with £250 worth of Pure White paint emphasising its sheer bulk. 'More like a smart minibus', said the Navigator-in-Chief at first glimpse of a car that will seat seven adults.

SEAT thinks that not only is their full-size people carrier 'sporty', it is also an 'emotional, engaging design' and has 'powerful lines'. To these eyes it is none of the above, and none the worse for it. Better in fact, as it follows a brief to act as full-on

family holdall, not a sad interpretation of a misshapen Ferrari.

So let's ignore the hype and look at the car instead. You can enjoy the Alhambra's space and comfort from £24,680 in a model that comes with a 1.4-litre petrol engine. Most buyers will look for a diesel and these start at £26,990 for a 2.0-litre unit like the one in this car.

At the top of the Alhambra pile is the £35,945 FR Line.

I'd be happier with the less expensive and more down to earth Alhambra in SE trim tested here. It lacks for little, with standard kit running to 17 inch alloys, cruise control, climate control and ample examples of clever thinking that will make life less stressful. These range from an electronic brake that automatically holds the car once stopped until you engage the clutch and drive off, to storage compartments all over the place.

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BladeGlider runs at Rio

By: Stewart Smith

NISSAN is showcasing its BladeGlider all-electric, three-seater prototype sports car at the Olympic Games venue in Rio de Janeiro. First shown at the Tokyo Auto Show in 2013, two BladeGliders have arrived in Brazil to symbolise future technologies that will combine Intelligent Mobility, environmentally-friendly impact and sports-car Nissan driving capabilities. The debut of the BladeGlider at the games is part of Nissan's development of zero-emission vehicles and new automotive technologies including autonomous drive systems and connectivity. The unusual layout of the BladeGlider means the driver sits in arrowhead formation slightly in front of two passengers, who enjoy

extended legroom. The view for all occupants is panoramic, with a seamless cockpit windscreen. As far as power goes the prototype is 100 percent electric, with performance delivered by Nissan's technical partner for the BladeGlider project, UK-based Williams Advanced Engineering. Power is supplied by a high performance five module lithium-ion 220kW battery. Maximum speed of the demonstration models is in excess of 118mph, with 0-62mph taking less than five seconds. The rear wheel drive is provided by two 130kW electric motors – one for each wheel. VIPs attending the Rio Olympics will be offered dynamic rides in one of the BladeGliders and the other will be on static display.



VW to clean up petrol cars

By: Chris Russon

THE Volkswagen Group is continuing with moves to clean up its engines and has announced it will be fitting particulate filters to petrol cars from next year. The company, still reeling from the 'dieselgate' scandal where it admitted cheating over CO2 readouts from its diesel engines, says the filters will reduce soot emissions by up to 90 per cent. Such filters are already used on diesel engines to remove harmful particles from exhaust gasses and VW now plans to introduce them on petrol models starting with the 1.4-litre TSI Tiguan SUV and the 2.0-litre TFSI Audi A5 coupe. Dr Ulrich Eichhorn, head of group research and development for Volkswagen, said: "Following increases in efficiency and lower CO2 output, we are now bringing about a sustained reduction in the emission levels of our modern petrol engines by fitting particulate filters as standard." The first models with the new filters will be available from June 2017 and VW says that by 2022 the number



of its vehicles fitted with the new technology could run to seven million a year. VW said it intended to roll out the introduction of the so-called gasoline particulate filters on all of its group brands which as well as Volkswagen and Audi also includes Skoda, SEAT and Bentley

CATERHAM'S NEW SPORTING SEVEN 310

By: Stewart Smith



ICONIC British sports car company Caterham has announced its latest motorsport model, the Seven 310, engineered by its sports development experts who upgraded the existing Seven 270's Sigma engine. The necessary Sigma engine upgrade, allowing racers to move up to the Supersport category from Tracksport – which involved high-performance camshafts and revised mapping, generating as much as an extra 20bhp in the rev

range – resulted in the surprise discovery. While an associated aftermarket option was always mooted for owners of Seven 270s as a result of the race engine upgrade, the driver experience offered by the new set-up prompted Caterham to create a brand new model, the 310. The new Seven 310 will also be the first model to debut a new optional extra - LED headlamps, a first for Caterham, and an option which will be available across the range. Simon Lambert, chief motorsport and technical officer for Caterham Cars, said: "It's entirely fitting that the Seven 310, which we feel perfectly synchronises power and handling, has come out of the motorsport engineering process. "When we were going through the engineering process on the race engine upgrade, we had one eye on the aftermarket, of course. But, once the re-worked car hit the road, we knew it was far too good to be marketed simply as an option. The Seven 310 was born. The Seven 310 comes in at £24,995 fully-built and is available to order now, with first deliveries estimated to arrive early 2017. For existing Caterham Seven 270 owners, the upgrade can be completed for £1,495.

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NISSAN SAYS ELECTRIC IS WAY TO GO

By: Stewart Smith

THE number of petrol stations in the UK has dropped by 75 per cent in the past four decades and Nissan UK says by 2020 there will be more public electric charging stations than petrol.

At the end of 2015, there were just 8,472 fuel stations in the UK, down from 37,539 in 1970. Assuming a steady rate of decline, Nissan predicts that by August, 2020, this will fall to under 7,870.

There are now more than 4,000 places in the UK where motorists can charge all-electric or hybrid vehicles.

While the majority of electric vehicle owners charge at home, 98 per cent of UK motorway services now have charging stations, including rapid connectors that can charge a Nissan Leaf's battery to 80 per cent in just 30 minutes.

Edward Jones, EV manager for Nissan Motor (GB) Ltd, said: "As electric vehicle sales take off, the charging infrastructure is keeping pace and paving the way for convenient all-electric driving. Combine that with constant improvements in our battery performance and we believe the tipping point for mass EV uptake is upon us".



NEW TURBO EDITION I20 FROM HYUNDAI

By: Chris Russon

HYUNDAI has released pricing and specification details for its new i20 Turbo Edition which goes on sale this month.

Designed, engineered and built in Europe, the i20 Turbo Edition will be priced from £12,975.

Hyundai says there's a growing trend for small capacity turbo petrol engines, and the special edition i20 Turbo features Hyundai's efficient 100bhp 1.0-litre turbocharged three-cylinder petrol engine with CO2 emissions of 104g/km which equates to 63mpg.

The newcomer to the i20 range comes with distinctive 16in alloy wheels and is available with a choice of six exterior colours - Polar White, Aqua Sparkling, Sleek Silver, Stardust Grey, Phantom Black and Red Passion, all with a special Black/Grey interior.

The Turbo edition is based on the well-specified i20 SE and the sporty new model comes with Bluetooth, DAB digital radio, cruise control with speed limiter, and a leather wrapped steering wheel with audio and phone controls as standard.



Additional to the SE the new up-market i20 adds a rear view camera, automatic lights with dusk sensor, and satellite navigation via a seven-inch integrated touch screen.

With the satellite navigation upgrade the i20 Turbo Edition comes with a free seven-year TomTom Live Services subscription, which provides the most up to date traffic information, speed camera alerts, weather updates, and live point of interest notifications.

AUDI SUPER SPYDER HITS THE ROAD

By: Mike Torpey

AUDI'S latest R8 Spyder supercar is now up for grabs - at a princely £129,990.

The new addition to the second generation R8 line-up has a fabric hood that can open in 20 seconds so occupants can enjoy the car's throaty V10 soundtrack.

Performance figures see the 540PS Spyder capable of blasting from 0-62 in 3.6 seconds and on to a top speed of 197mph, while fuel economy is an average 24.1mpg. Audi says the car's ground-up rework brings it very much up to date not only by adding more power and a 50 per cent



uplift in torsional rigidity, but also new features like the fully digital Audi Virtual Cockpit, the Audi smartphone interface and internet-based Audi Connect services. There's also a Bang & Olufsen sound system with headrest-mounted speakers

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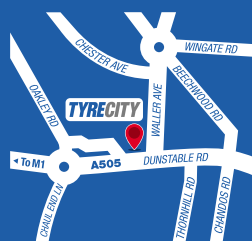
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Fantastic Phelps lights up Games

"THIS man is surely not human."

These were the words David Coleman uttered after witnessing Michael Johnson shattering the world record in winning the 200m at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

They could so easily have seen this week in the swimming pool in Rio after Michael Phelps, not for the first time, left us all open-mouthed in amazement at his brilliance.

The fact that he has become the oldest swimmer in history to win Olympic gold in an individual event at the age of 31 was staggering in itself, as was him taking his gold medal tally up to 22 at the time of writing (I'll go as far to assume it has risen since).

Still being on top the way he is at his fifth Games (his first came at Sydney in 2000 when he was only 15) is also something that has to be applauded.

But the most amazing



aspect for me was that he is doing this after coming out of retirement just two years ago, which gave himself considerably less time to get himself up to speed than his rivals.

To say that competition for the USA swimming team is fierce would be like saying Donald Trump occasionally puts his foot in his mouth, so Phelps had to rapidly return to a world-class standard.

But he made things hard for himself after being arrested for drink-driving in September 2014, which led not only to a 45-day stay in rehab, but also having a six-month suspension handed to

him by USA Swimming.

This meant he couldn't compete at the 2015 World Championships in Kazan, which were supposed to act as an important stepping stone to Rio.

Phelps' fellow swimming legend Ian Thorpe had mounted an unsuccessful comeback just a few years ago and there were questions of whether the same drive was there.

We needn't have worried – you only had to see the glowering look on his face before the semi-finals for the 200m butterfly while his South African rival Chad Le Clos shadowboxed in close proximity to him.

Le Clos had beaten Phelps to the gold medal in that event at London 2012, but maybe he's regretting those call room antics now as the great American claimed a memorable victory in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

He'd already earned one



HUMAN TORPEDO: Michael Phelps has been dominant in Rio after coming out of retirement two years ago

gold in the 4x100m freestyle relay, but this was all his own work, showing the world that despite being relatively inactive for two years that he had lost nothing.

I'm too young to have watched the likes of Mark

Spitz, Daley Thompson or even Carl Lewis at his peak, but I've been privileged to have seen the accomplishments of modern greats like Usain Bolt, Chris Hoy and Mo Farah, to name just a few.

Phelps is right up in that list

as well. Yes, his sport gives him more gold medal opportunities than athletes in other Olympic events, but down the years he's left us all questioning how what he's doing is even possible. Truly a super-human of our time.

Red-hot Tornadoes prove too strong

NETBALL

RED Tornadoes are the winners of the 2016 Luton, Dunstable & District Netball Summer League after defeating Yellow Tornadoes during finals day on Tuesday.

They came out on top out of the ten teams that entered the competition, with each of them having to play two youth players, who are part of a youth development programme, at all times.

The teams were originally split into two groups of five with a round-robin

in format that saw each side face each other once.

Red Tornadoes and Yellow Tornadoes eventually won their respective groups ahead of 7 Up Red and Black and Purple Tornadoes, meaning they played off for the main prize, with the teams finishing second, third etc. facing off against each other.

In the end, Red Tornadoes were to prove their dominance as they comfortably defeated Yellow Tornadoes 24-16 in what was one of the more emphatic scores of the day.

Blues fall to late defeat in seven goal thriller at Merthyr

FOOTBALL

DUNSTABLE Town fell to a late defeat away to Merthyr Town yesterday in the Evo Stik Southern League Premier Division.

Two stoppage time goals saw the hosts clinch a 4-3 victory, despite the Blues being 2-1 up at the break, with Daniel Talbot's 30 yard wonderstrike being the difference between the two sides.

The hosts equalised after the break, before Alex Cathline restored the Blues' lead.

However, in stoppage time Jarrad Wright and Scott Barrow both found the net for The Martyrs to take all three points.

In the Evo Stik Southern League Division One Central, a late goal also decided Barton Rovers' clash against Arlesey Town, with Rovers coming up trumps with a 2-1 win.

The game got off to a dream start for visitors Barton, with Jason Blackett finding the net with a headed effort with just four minutes on the clock.

The visitors held onto their lead

until the 90th minute, when Lewis Wilson levelled for Arlesey.

That goal looked set to break Barton hearts, but the visitors kept pressing and got a deserved late winner in what was a hard fought game.

With 95 on the clock, Elliot Bailey slotted home to give the visitors all three points.

Elsewhere in the Division, AFC Dunstable picked up a point at home to Marlow, with Jermaine Hall and Leon Cashman netting for the hosts.

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Teenager will never forget Hatters debut

JAMES Justin called his unforgettable full Luton debut "crazy" as the Hatters dumped Aston Villa out of the EFL Cup in front of the Sky television cameras on Wednesday to set up a second round clash at home to Leeds United.

The 17-year-old, who has been at the club since he was seven years old, was handed his Football League bow in the final game of last season but built on that by impressing in pre-season.

Justin's latest club milestone came as Dan Potts was serving a red card suspension – and he didn't disappoint, winning the sponsors' man-of-the-match award in an assured performance as part of the 3-1 League Cup giant-killing.

"It's one I'll remember for the rest of my life," the full back said of his first start, adding: "It was just excellent. Atmosphere, crazy. The lads dug in deep as well. It was just crazy."

Justin is one of four academy graduates that have been given their chance in the first team by boss Nathan Jones, who has created a real pathway from the youth team, having also handed pro deals to four others.

The Luton-born defender, who began as a Kevin Nicholls-idolising midfielder and played in the under-nines as a seven-year-old, said: "It's what everyone dreams of really. [To be] a professional footballer, playing in the first team, in front of a great crowd. It's just what you live for."

Jones admits to tiredness



ENERGY SAPPING: The Hatters' busy week caught up with them

FOOTBALL

BY MARK WOOD

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PASSIONATE Luton manager Nathan Jones admitted the glut of early season games looked to have sapped his players' energy in the second half against Yeovil.

Yesterday's 1-1 draw was Town's third game in eight days and Jones felt his side lacked their usual spark as a result, despite creating a number of chances – particularly in the first half.

He said: "I felt first half we had chances. We had plenty of chances, it was just our play really, we looked a little bit lethargic in terms of how we played."

"We had no energy in the press. You could see Pelly Ruddock (Mpanzu), Cameron (McGehean), were way, way, way off where they normally are energy-wise, the same with the front two because it's relentless the fixtures and they don't lighten up, it's ridiculous."

Following Wednesday night's epic 3-1 victory over former Premier League giants Aston Villa in the League Cup, Luton had 24 hours less to prepare than the Glovers who had beaten Walsall 2-0 in the same competition.

That difference was evident in the second half as the Hatters looked like a

boxer pinned on the ropes, looking to land a telling blow on the counter.

Jones continued: "It showed we'd probably had a day less because we lacked any real spark about us. I'm reasonably happy with the point in the end because we could have gone the other way, because it was like a slug-ging match at the end. One end, one end, one end... On the whole I'm reasonably pleased with the point in the end but, as I said, we were nowhere near where we normally need to be."

However, he was proud with his side's valiant efforts as they extended their unbeaten start to the season to remain top of the table.

Jones was full of praise for Stephen O'Donnell's wonder strike midway through the first half, but was disappointed they couldn't put away one of the other far more simple chances they created.

He added: "It was a great strike and I've said we've probably had a lot more easier chances than that to have taken the lead. We had situations in the first half and so on, but it was a great strike. I'm glad we had that otherwise it could have been a tricky afternoon."

"They came, they set up, they sat in early. We tried to break that down, but we couldn't apart from that. But I'm proud of them because they gave me everything."



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Frustration for Hatters

FOOTBALL

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LUTON TOWN
YEovil TOWN

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LUTON were left to rue a raft of missed first half chances as they ran out of steam and ideas in the second half as they conceded a late equaliser against Yeovil Town at Kenilworth Road on Saturday.

Stephen O'Donnell's wonder strike looked to have set the Hatters on their way to victory as they bossed the first half, but they fell away in the second and it was no surprise when Tom Eaves looped home a header with 12 minutes left to earn the Glovers a point.

However, Town stayed top of the embryonic League Two table as no side in the division were able to make it two wins in a row.

With captain Alan Sheehan still missing Scott Cuthbert was given the captain's armband. He was one of three changes from Wednesday night's memorable victory over Championship Aston Villa as Dan Potts returned from suspension and Jordan Cook came back into midfield, while ex-Hatters Alex Lacey and Alex Lawless started for Yeovil.

There was early concern for Lacey as he tumbled into the Oak Road End following, but thankfully after several moments he popped back up.

Only a brilliant one-handed stop from Artur Krysiak kept out Glen Rea's powerful header from Cook's free-kick on 17 minutes as Town were desperately unlucky not to snatch the lead. From the subsequent corner the visitors countered at pace to leave them four against



PEGGED BACK: Danny Hylton battles with Yeovil's Bevis Mugabi as Luton saw their lead slip away

two as Christian Walton must have been relieved to see Ryan Hedges' low drive drift past the far post.

Luton grabbed the lead on 26 minutes though with a wonder goal from O'Donnell. As a low cross ran to him almost 30 yards out he let fly with a right-footed thunderbolt that left Krysiak with simply no chance.

Otis Khan's effort was straight at Walton at

the other end while Cook's through ball found Jack Marriott and his deflected effort was well saved. Injury finally forced Lacey off, while Marriott's powderpuff effort was easy for the keeper.

Great work by Cameron McGeehan earned Luton a corner with five minutes to go and super desire and strength saw Pelly Ruddock-Mpanzu win a loose ball and surge into the

box, but he somehow blasted wide with the goal gaping.

On the stroke of half time O'Donnell pulled the ball back dangerously from the byline as Danny Hylton couldn't force the ball home. Marriott then dragged a great chance wide from another corner while Hedges forced a good low save from Walton as Town went in 1-0 up at the break, but it should have been more.

Brilliant defending from Potts thwarted Eaves, before the linesman's flag denied the Glovers as the away fans thought they had equalised.

Marriott then raced on to Hylton's flick-on but fired wide, while Eaves' low drive forced a good save from Walton.

Livewire striker Marriott then teed up McGeehan whose powerful drive drew loud appeals for handball, but nothing was given.

Yeovil looked increasingly dangerous as the game opened up, but another half chance went begging as Hylton headed Marriott's cross wide.

Desperate defending saw Cuthbert bravely block Ryan Dickson's close-range effort as the ball bounced around dangerously in the box.

Hylton's massively deflected shot bounced agonisingly wide on 66 minutes with the keeper beaten, while Tahvon Campbell's prod was again well saved by Walton.

With Luton playing on the break Marriott again rolled wide from another Hylton flick. Town's players looked increasingly tired as they were forced on to the back foot and the Glovers equalised with just 12 minutes left when Eaves rose highest to loop his header into the top corner.

O'Donnell whizzed an effort just over the bar from range with two minutes left, while Hedges' last gasp free-kick skimmed the top of the bar as the game finished all square.

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